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## Foreign.

Texas.

Advices received at New Orleans, from Galveston, to December 14, inform us that another offer of the Texan navy at public sale, had failed to meet the government's demands. The papers report that a mutiny had taken place in the Texan navy, and that the men had demanded a pay increase, and the pay of the men who had been serving for a month, and the sale was hastened before the time fixed. A company of artillery, of Galveston, was ordered out, and appeared; but the captain had been arrested for disobedience. Commander Moore was sent to the Texan President, in the newspaper, to demand the restoration of Texas to the Union.

The Houston Telegraph intimates that a large majority of the members of both houses of Congress are in favor of the annexation of Texas to the United States. The paper quotes the following as this statesman says, "I am distinguishing the indirect admissions that have been made by the intimate friends of the executive, that he is opposed to annexation, we are still clinging to the hope that that measure will not be affected. He may be strong, he may be secret, pledged to the British government, from openly advocating the measure; but if a proposition were to be offered, on the part of the United States, to annex Texas, he would, for some time, be in a position to let him go."

Another source says: "It is evident there was an extensive conspiracy in the United States in which the best slaves were engaged. Nearly five hundred negroes, in arms, were killed, and a large number of prisoners were taken. The Americans residing in Matanzas have asked for an American man-of-war to be in that port, in order that they may be compelled to flee the island."

MONTEVIDEO.

The latest advices received from the state of the besieged Uruguay, are becoming more凄惨 (pitiful) from all forms in the field, and from famine. Several Frenchmen, who have taken part with the Montevideans, have been taken and executed by General Oribe. On the other hand, a sally was made by the rebels, and the extensive works, which had been erected, had been taken, also of acknowledgment. The captain of the port, collector, and of Admiral Brown's officers—said to have been a young American—were taken, and have no doubt been executed.

The British Army British Packet says that "the remanants of the forces of Flores and Estivado, routed by General Serrano, Gomez, on the 27th of September, were overtaken by General Oribe, and captured at Montevideo, and were sent to prison."

The same paper gives extracts from letters written by the wife of President Rivera to her husband, alledged to have been captured in the route of Flores, representing the Montevideans as much reduced, in means and confidence.

## Ecuador.

An insurrection broke out on the occasion of attempting to collect a tax. It was pretty general in the departments of Chiriqui and Lambayeque. Col. King, commander of a platoon, was beaten to death. The insurrectionary force made an attack on both sides. The government of President Flores, by great energy and humanity, quieted the country in the course of sixteen days.

## Haiti.

The slaves have been restored to the rates existing before the late revolution, making a discrimination of fifty per cent. It is said, against the United States. A commissioners from France had arrived, to demand security for the French debt.

## SEIRA LEONE.

By the schooner *Ida*, Howard, fifty-nine days from Sierra Leone, we learn that the British brig of war, *Spy*, had captured the *Brasil*, a slave ship, 100 and fifty-six slaves on board. The rebels were condemned and sold, the slaves liberated, and the crews allowed to go where they wished.

There has been a ministerial crisis, as the French say. Nearly all the legislative council resigned, because the government claimed the right of making appointments without their concurrence. The ministers of the interior, passed a resolution, to be submitted to the confidence of the retiring cabinet, and were shortly after passed.

The Montreal *Aurore* says, that through the intercession of Mr. Viger, a new member of the commission to the *United States*—the *United States* has been extended to the *Mississippi* fair trade port.

About two hundred Spanish officers have lately been discharged from the Mexican service. These were Agoston Arrieta Perez, and Segura. There are about three hundred Mexican troops at San Fernando, and the same number at Matamoros. The Mexican government has authorized several of the officers to disengage to raise a corps, and intended to make a junction between the Neches and Rio Grande. They receive no pay from the government, but are entitled to all the goods they capture, except *slaves*, which is forfeited to the Mexican government. Several of the rebels organized by these officers, range between the Presidio, Laredo, and Bexar; and on this account, five traders venture to visit the latter city.

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whose devotion to the South is as unquestionable as the editor of the Courier's can be, in Congress and out of Congress. We believe, in our opinion, that he is opposed to it, and that we are right; we believe that he made up his views in opposition to it, and shall continue to do it whenever occasion may require. In the views we may have of any public measure, we are not to be silenced or deterred by denunciations from the Courier, or any other quarter. Any opinions we may express, are our opinions, and we are prepared to maintain them.

#### "THE COMMUNIST."

We have received the first number of a newspaper under this title, its motto, "Unity in love; oneness in spirit and aim; brotherhood of the universal race; reform in all things." It is issued at Community Place, Motrilie, Oneonta county, by our friend, John A. Collins, and his coadjutors in an enterprise, originating, we believe, in the most disinterested, philanthropic, and generous intentions. Our friend has a quarrel with *Fourierism*, of which we are inclined to think favorably; but we wish to hear all sides. Whatever may be the result of this experiment, it will do good, in helping on the inquiry as to the practicability and best form of a consecutive of life and labor. We make the following extract:

Many of our readers are doubtless aware that the friends of social reform have selected a location in Skaneateles, for the establishment of a community of property and interest, to the end that a demonstration of the true operation of Fourierism may be made.

Rejecting the doctrine of the separation of property, we assert that human nature is pure, noble, divine—that man is perverted by circumstances and false relations; that the miseries, wrongs, and outrages which he has suffered are due to a want of education, and want of love and of mutual trust and confidence, but on the contrary, from ignorance and inexperience; and, therefore, that Wisdom should be his only teacher. Love his only government, and that the Social rights of man, and the human rights are equal, his only standard; that the earth and its products are the common property of the race; that all buying and selling are clamming falsehoods; that all sects and parties, civil and ecclesiastical, priests and politicians, are governed by self-interest, and are instruments of ignorance, superstition, and bigotry; that bodily, mental, and social disease, is the effect of a violation of law, and their only remedy is obedience to that law.

It is the duty of disseminators of light and truth upon all the preceding points; to place themselves in a condition for progressive improvement in the truthful, the beautiful, and the good; and to give efficiency to our own efforts, for changing man's present fate.

We have no creed, or declaration of sentiments, to present to the world; but mean simply to remove all obstacles to progression and improvement. What are our peculiar wants, to-day, may not be our sentiments tomorrow. We are not, however, to remove all obstacles to freedom of thought, in the shape of creeds and declarations, we would not, as always been the custom, dig some channel for thought, if all such obstructions are removed, the free thought will be more likely to be straight, than if bent to another's rule.

We are not responsible for any document or garbled expression of our sentiments, that may be in circulation; but mean simply to remove their influence, and to, possibly, all obstructions from the mind. When men have outgrown their old creed, they have generally adopted a new one in its place. This we design not to, but to turn men to the truth, in their own natures, and lead them to rely upon their own inspirations.

In another article, the community requests visitors to defer their favors until the community have had a season to raise something wherewith to do the hospitable. This is reasonable and candid.

Truth is truth, come whence it may. The following is a further extract:

education, the development of man's whole nature, full and harmonious, should be the great aim of all effort and labor. The great aim of all effort and labor now, is accumulation.

Oter Planète de la terre,  
Vous exercez la guerre;  
L'homme r'entend dans ses droits;  
Plus j'entre dans le monde, plus  
Mes vies se r'approchent chez les hommes,  
La mort a la place des hommes.

J. B. Rousseau.

#### Communications.

##### LETTER FROM ABBY KELLEY.

Urga, January 24, 1844.

I was not a little surprised, last evening, when looking over the Standard of December 28, to observe a extract from "The Liberty Press," of some six or eight weeks since, which extract is from an anonymous article, pertaining to give an account of the Winfield convention held October 19th and 20th. The whole article bears upon the fact that it is a malitious misrepresentation of the American Anti-Slavery Society, and its friends.

The extract you make, represents me to have said that I had received "private explanations" from yourself, in consequence of which I could obtain subscribers for the Standard. You deem it necessary to deny having made "private explanations," and say you could not believe, when the paragraph first appeared, that I made, "or would sanction a statement so groundless, so unjust to yourself, and injurious to the cause of the slave?" and that you "waited for me to contradict it." Nor did I think you would believe it, at first, or at all, or would think of my contradicting anything whatever that might appear in the Press, since it had come out in "fall dress," and the snow was sufficient reason for my not troubling myself with contradicting it. You, who have so truly said that it seemed to be referred to the "Liberty Press," to prove what you have said of that it is "of the 'Liberty Press,'" and "who have seen, from week to week, and from month to month, its columns teeming with the most baseless misrepresentations, misstatements, and falsehoods of those whom the Press could not cause or force into their recruiting squads, and who must have observed in the very article from which the extract was made, no small amount of these same, ever-ready materials, would not, I presume, wish my contradiction of this among scores of similar character. There are several reasons why I do not correct the misrepresentations and statements, and contradict the falsehoods of the "Liberty Press," any one of which is itself sufficient.

First, I should take time to do it, I should have time for nothing else. Second, I cannot use the columns of the Press through which to pour the antidote along with the bane. Its columns are denied to the gentlest and most candid corrections. A recent case—the executive committee of the Central New-York Society would not have been able to obtain the publication of resolutions expressing confidence in my integrity in the "Press," after that paper had charged me with falsehood, had not the editor been assured that in case he did not publish them, they would appear in the city and other papers. Third,

I leave it to our editors to dispose of them; they shall see it, if you do not attack it myself. I look upon very much as do the editors of "Bennett's Herald," (craving pardon of Bennett, by the way, who has done me a great service,) that their services are of great value to me.

That service has been left to the "Press." And again, I crave pardon of Bennett, for he does not profess to be anti-slavery, while he is vilifying abolitionists.

But to my explanation. I stated in the Winfield convention, that I had seen, since the Buffalo convention, a private explanation of your views—(I had reference to your letter to the Boston quorum of the executive committee, which I saw in September, and which has since been published in the Standard)—and that I believed, as I then did, that your stay-in-in and my come-out-in, from political parties, and church organizations amounted to about the same thing; and that I might, therefore, obtain subscribers for it. My chief complaint against it, was that it was too low-toned.

Another word of explanation about the matter of my asking Deacon Leach to subscribe for the Standard. I was passing the house of Leach with a friend, who said the deacon might subscribe for the Liberator, for which we had obtained several subscribers that day. We drove

to the door accordingly, and being in haste, I did not get out, but sent to the deacon to come to the carriage, when I inquired of him if he would subscribe for the Liberator, which he declined doing; and after discussing the merits of the paper, he said he chose to take the Liberty Press, so that he could exchange with his neighbor, who took the Liberator. I told him I hoped he would not take the Press, as it was dishonest, but that he had better take the Standard, if he wished to exchange with his neighbor; but he again declined, and we immediately turned and rode away.

When, in the midst of a speech, I was interrupted with a question in relation to this matter, the facts had passed from my mind, and it was a moment before I could recall them, and so the mousing correspondent of the Press, makes a great purring about it.

You may recollect the same number of the paper from which you quote, names a committee appointed at the secessor meeting, to give a statement of facts connected with the separation. That committee has either never reported, or the Press has refused to publish their report. Is it in the official account of our convention? So the public have never yet seen an official account of their withdrawal; and as reported through the convention, in the Standard, &c. The readers of the Press are ignorant of the facts.

The Press will, I venture to predict, use some of the remarks you have made on the malicious extract, in confirmation of its repeated charges against me as a liar, and unless it departs from its course it will refuse to copy my explanation of the matter, or to publish anything from any friends, should they deem it worth their while, for the sake of many readers of the "Press," who are honest people, but are not acquainted with the character of the paper, seeing as they do, but one side.

For the right and true,

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#### PETITIONS.

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